1992 wherein it has been stated that some stone artifacts have been found buried 10 ft. deep near the periphery of the disputed Babri Masjid structure in Ayodhya ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sherds of Northern Black Polished Ware, fragments of a sprinkler, a spout, damaged parts of terracotta figures, a broken soapstone bowl and a brick datable to early historical period, besides glazed ware of the medieval period, were amongst the finds reported from recent digging near Babri Masjid, Ayodhya, U.P.

Committee for National Youth Programme

1442. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1477 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th March, 1992 and state :

(a) whether the Committee for National Youth Programmes has been formed ;

(b) if so, the details of the members thereof ;

(c) if not, by when the committee is likely to be formed ; and

(d) whether the national political parties are being consulted to nominate their representatives for the committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) to (c) The Government has recently set up a Committee for National Youth Programmes consisting of 50 members with the Prime Minister as its Chairman. The membership of the Committee includes representatives of State Governments, Members of Parliament and Youth Leaders from recognised national level political parties, voluntary organisations, minorities, Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes, etc.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Anganwadi Centres in Billawar Tehsil of J & K

1443. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 100 Anganwadi Centres in Tehsil Billawar, J & K;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the teachers of these anganwadi centres hail from Urban areas and their attendance in Anganwadi Centres located in rural areas is very poor;

(c) whether cases of misappropriation of funds for supplying food to the children of Anganwadi Centre have been brought to Government's notice, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken to check this malpractice ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) The total number of Anganwadis sanctioned in Billawar ICDS Project is 110.

(b) Presently, there is no complaint with Government of India from Jammu & Kashmir relating to Anganwadi Workers hailing from urban areas and working in

rural Anganwadis. Our guidelines concerning Angonwadi Workers stipulated that the Anganwadi Worker should be a lady (18—44 years) from the local village and acceptable to the local community. States and Union Territories are required to follow these guidelines while making selection of the Anganwadi Workers.

(c) The funding of the nutrition component in ICDS is the responsibility of the State Government and Union Territories. However, presently, there is no complaint with Government of India regarding misappropriation of funds for supplying food to the children of Anganwadi Centres in Jammu & Kashmir. The nutrition component alongwith other components of the package of the ICDS is closely monitered through a Computerised Management Information System in the Department. According to Reports for the quarter ending, March, 1992 1.46 lakhs children (0--6 years) and 0.31 lakh mothers were given supplementary nutrition in Jammu & Kashmir.

(d) In view of above, question does not arise. However, as a normal practice, the complaints regarding implementation of ICDS programme, on their receipt in this Department, are promptly taken up with the State Governments and Union Territories concerned for immediate corrective action.

Sports Projects Undertaken by the Karnataka Government

1444. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Government has undertaken several projects to construct stadia and to promote sports and sought assistance from the Central Government for 10 of these projects spreading over the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, project-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) and (b) The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports supplements the efforts of State Governments in promotion of sports infrastructure by extending financial assistance to them under its various Schemes. During the last 3 financial years, 51 project proposals have been received from the Government of Karnataka. The year-wise details indicating the status of each proposal is annexed. [*See* Appendix CIXIII, Annexure No. 28]

सिंधी भाषा का विकास

1445. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को सिंधी भाषा की प्रगति और उसके विकास के सम्बन्ध में कोई ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुआ है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) सिंधी भाषा के विकास के सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या योजनाएं हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) और (ख) मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय को सिंधी के विकास तथा प्रगति के लिए स्वैच्छिक संगठनों के साथ-साथ व्यक्तियों से ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुए थे । हाल ही में प्राप्त ज्ञापन में उठाए गए प्रमुख मुद्दों में सिंधी विकास बोर्ड की स्थापना और सिंधी भाषा के संवर्धन के वास्ते वित्तीय सहायता में वृद्धि करना है ।

संसाधनों की कमी के कारण सिंधी विकास बोर्ड स्थापित नहीं किया जा सका । तथापि, सिंधी भाषा की प्रोन्नति और विकास की योजना